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Faculty Senate Resolution 10–05

“Revision of PS–22: Sponsored Absences from Class”

Introduced at the Request of Faculty Athletic Representative Dydia Delyser

Whereas it is the desire of the Faculty Senate to ensure that all LSU’s policies and procedures are fair to all faculty, staff, and students; and

Whereas it has come to the attention of the Faculty Senate that irregularities exist in regards to the implementation of accommodations for students excused from class under LSU’s PS-22; and

Whereas the Faculty Senate is aware that some of those irregularities have resulted in students being penalized for their excused absences; and

Whereas the Faculty Senate is aware that accommodating students with excused absences is the responsibility of the instructor, even when it presents additional work for the instructor;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends the clarification of PS-22 amendment of the text as follows.

Paragraph one, reading:

Class attendance is the responsibility of the student. The student is expected to attend all classes. A student who finds it necessary to miss class assumes responsibility for making up examinations, obtaining lecture notes, and otherwise compensating for what may have been missed. The course instructor will determine the validity of a student’s reason(s) for absences and will assist those students who have valid reasons.

shall read instead [new text in bold]:

Class attendance is the responsibility of the student. The student is expected to attend all classes. A student who finds it necessary to miss class assumes responsibility for making up examinations, obtaining lecture notes, and otherwise compensating for what may have been missed. The course instructor will determine the validity of a student’s reason(s) for absences and will assist those students who have valid reasons. **The course instructor will accommodate those students with valid absences in such a way that they retain an equal opportunity for success in class and are not penalized for having missed class with a valid reason.**

Paragraph four, reading:

The student is responsible for providing reasonable advance notification and appropriate documentation of the reason for the

absence. Should the instructor and student disagree over the validity of a reason for an absence, the student has the right to appeal the instructor's decision according to the general appeal procedure in PS-48.

shall read instead [new text in bold]:

The student is responsible for providing reasonable advance notification and appropriate documentation of the reason for the absence. Should the instructor and student disagree over the validity of a reason for an absence, the student has the right to appeal the instructor's decision according to the general appeal procedure in PS-48. **Should the instructor and student disagree over the accommodations offered by the instructor, the student has the right to appeal the instructor's decision to the Department Chair or Program Director (in accordance with PS-48).**